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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor : Pavel Shuk et al.

Appln. No.: 10/607,856

Filed : June 27, 2003

For : SULFUR RESISTANT SENSORS

Docket No.: R302.12-0062

Group Art Unit: 1753

PETITION TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY DUE TO
LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

EXPRESS MAIL NO: EV388910608US
MAILED: March 10, 2004

In accordance with Section 710.06 of the Manual Patent Examining Procedure, Applicants hereby petition to reset the period for Reply to run from the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address. This petition is being filed within two weeks of the date of receipt of the Office Action (Notice to File Missing Parts) which was faxed to Applicants in response to an inquiry regarding the filing receipt. Applicants respectfully submit that a substantial portion of the set reply period has elapsed on the date of receipt and that evidence (following this letter) shows the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address by virtue of the facsimile header showing a date of March 1, 2004. Applicants are vigorously attempting to secure the declaration for this application. Additionally, Applicants have reviewed all incoming mail logs from September 2003 through the current date and have not found any evidence that the Office Action allegedly mailed September 22, 2003 was received. Moreover, a review of the docketing system where the deadlines set forth by Office Actions are tracked

and recorded does not reveal any entries correspondence to the Notice to File Missing Parts of mailed September 22.

Applicants note that the correspondence address set forth in the filing receipt is Westman, Champlin & Kelly, Suite 1600-International Centre, 900 South Second Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319. Applicants respectfully note that the street address more commonly reads 900 Second Avenue South, but respectfully believe that this minor discrepancy is not responsible for the lack of receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Given that this petition is being filed near the end of the six month period for reply, Applicants respectfully request that any decision on petition be also reported telephonically to the undersigned attorney at 612-330-0489.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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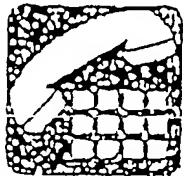
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